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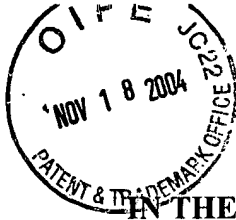
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application and consider the following remarks. Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 22, 32, 35, 36, 38 and 40. Please cancel claim 18. Thus, claims 1-17, 20-29, 32-45 and 47 are pending.

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